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Opposition of Nuclear Power Plants
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether a large number of diagnostic X-ray facilities in the country have not registered themselves with the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB);

(b)if so, the action initiated against such facilities;

(c)whether the public health facilities have also showed non-compliance of such AERB regulations; and

(d)if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken against the defaulters health facilities?

Answer

a) The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has issued licences to 21,139 diagnostic X-ray equipment so far. Additionally, about 10,000 diagnostic X-ray equipment have been declared through the e-LORA system (e-Licensing of Radiation Applications, an online web based application system) of AERB. It may be possible that a number of diagnostic X-ray equipment are presently not registered with AERB.
(b) AERB has been issuing notices periodically through the print media asking the diagnostic X-ray facilities to obtain license / registration from AERB, from 2006 onwards. AERB has sent more than 13,700 letters and 36,000 emails to the facilities / users who have been possibly operating diagnostic X-ray facilities without complying with the requirement of AERB registration. AERB has also issued a warning to the non-compliant diagnostic X-ray facilities of regulatory action in April 2015, through leading national dailies. Recently, AERB has taken up a campaign of surprise inspections of diagnostic X-ray facilities on sample basis throughout the country in phased manner. So far inspections were carried out in 14 cities of 11 states and enforcement actions in the form of sealing the diagnostic X-ray equipment and issuance of warnings were taken against facilities that were found not complying with the requirements of license / registration.

(c) &(d) Yes, Sir. Enforcement actions such as sealing of the equipment and issuance of warnings were taken against the defaulting facilities. The State-wise distribution of the number of public health facilities found to be non-compliant of AERB regulations as on date are as under.

State No. Of public health facilities found not
complying with the requirement of registration.

Bihar 03
Chattisgarh 01
Delhi 02
Goa 01
Jharkhand 01
Karnataka 01
Maharashtra 08
Rajasthan 01
Tamil Nadu 01
Telengana 01
WestBengal 04

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